Vegetable vendors menace

1892. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are unauthorised vegetable vendors in B.K.S. Marg, Phase-II, Quarter Nos. 896 to 1138;

(b) if so, the persons, period since they are operational, location, supporting structure, occupied area, the garage used for storage etc.; and

(c) how CPWD would be curbing this menace and the time required to get them vacated, or removed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) While there are no unauthorized vegetable vendors inside these Quarters, one such vendor in Block 28 has been located on the road side.

(b) and (c) This person has been found to be occupying an area of 4 meters x 5 meters. There is a structure in which M.S. Grill has been used. Records do not indicate as to since when he is in occupation of this area.

Action to remove the encroachment from the site has been initiated.

National Urbanization Policy

1893. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any national urbanisation policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Various aspects of urban renewal and urban infrastructure improvement are under consideration of the Government.

Mumbai Urban Transport Project

1894. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the Mumbai Urban Transport Project;

(b) if so, the details about the project and the action plan thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) has been conceived by Government of Maharashtra and is to be implemented jointly with Government of India. The main objectives of MUTP are to enhance the capacity, efficiency and financial viability of the urban transport systems in Mumbai and also to promote institutional development and capacity building. The total outlay for the MUTP is Rs. 4526 crore of which Rs. 2602 crore is funded by a World Bank loan.

Mumbai Railways Vikas Corporation (MRVC) has been set up to implement the Rail projects in MUTP. 45% of the civil works in the rail projects have been completed. Procurement process for supply of 110 EMUs rakes is also at an advanced stage. Work on two link roads is in progress.

The scheduled project implemention period is till 2008.

Urban Land Ceiling Act

1895. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the State Governments to repeal the Urban Land Ceiling Act and the State Rent control Laws within a definite time-frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of the total housing shortage of 22.4 million units in urban areas, 80 per cent is the need for weaker section and low income group people;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to bring in social housing and rental housing programmes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. Only Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 was